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Washington, D.C. 20231 FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY, DOCKET NO. U.S. APPLICATION NO. JAU-39514 RUG ບສົ/ສວິບ.ທາ ສ INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP97/00213 5611 OLIFF & BERRIDGE PRIORITY DATE PO BUA TOOLL ALEXANDRIA VA 22020 01750796 01/30/97 DATE MAILED: 01/02/98 NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495 1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as 📈 a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. 2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates 35 U.S.C. 371 REOUIREMENTS A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon. 3. A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on Sent and the application will be examined in turn. 4. The following items have been received: U.S. Basic National Fee. Copy of the international application in: a non-English language.
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